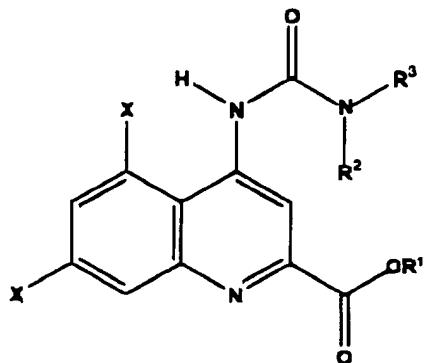


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a tautomer thereof, a pharmacologically acceptable ester, amide, salt, ether, or an acid addition salt thereof;

wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents hydrogen or an alkyl group of 1 to 3 [6] carbon atoms;  
 R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> each independently represent phenyl which may be unsubstituted or alkoxy substituted one or more times with [substituents selected from the group consisting of] alkoxy[, cycloalkoxy, alkyl, and cycloalkyl groups] containing 1 to 3 [up to 6] carbon atoms, [hydrogen, hydrocarbon selected from the group consisting of straight chain, branched, cyclic, and heterocyclic groups containing up to 18 carbon atoms, halogen, cyano, trifluoromethyl, nitro, -OR<sup>a</sup>, -SR<sup>a</sup>, -NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>, -NR<sup>a</sup>COR<sup>b</sup>, -NR<sup>a</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>b</sup>, -NR<sup>a</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>b</sup>, -NR<sup>a</sup>CZNR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>, -CO<sub>2</sub>, or -CONR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>; wherein R<sup>a</sup>, R<sup>b</sup>, R<sup>i</sup> each independently represent hydrogen or hydrocarbon as described above and can be the same or different and Z represents oxygen, sulphur, or a group of formula =N,E; wherein E represents hydrocarbon as described above or an electron-withdrawing group; or

R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> together with the intervening nitrogen and carbon atom represent carbonyl (C=O), thiocarbonyl (C=S), imino (C=N, R<sup>a</sup>), oximino (C=N, OR<sup>a</sup>), or a 3- to 8-membered ring containing from zero to 4 hetero-atoms selected from the group consisting